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Abstract

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Joy is the rainbow-lollipop-big-as-your-face
that daddy brings you
and it's tied with a big gay ribbon at its throat
and you say it's a necktie and daddy says it's a noose
and you giggle and mama says it's a marriage
and you don't . . .

Joy is the rainbow-lollipop-big-as-your-face
that daddy brings you
but it gives you a tummy ache
so you throw up resplendently
and contemplate
Joy